

March 22, 1956

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CONCORD, N.H.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 1, 1956 addressed to the
Department of Registration and Education has been referred to
me.

Your attention is called to Revised Statutes
Annotated of New Hampshire, Chapter 146, Section 10 (XI) (formerly
Revised Laws of New Hampshire, Chapter 164) which defines a drug
as being misbranded "If it is a drug or device sold at retail
and its label bears a statement that it is to be dispensed or
sold only by or on the prescription of a physician, dentist or
veterinarian; unless it is sold on a written prescription signed
by a member of the medical, dental, or veterinary profession who
is licensed by law to administer such drug or device. . . ."

Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 315 (formerly
Revised Laws, Chapter 254) grants to chiropractors "legal author-
ity to treat by external medical, mechanical, or electrical means,
including bandaging and strapping, local ailments of the struc-
tures of the human foot, and to treat by surgical means local
ailments of the superficial structures of the human foot. Said
certificate shall not authorize the licensee to administer general
anaesthetics or to perform amputation of the foot or toes."

The use of narcotics, antibiotics and other physi-
cal medicines is not within the permitted authority granted by statute
to chiropractors in this state.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Attorney General

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cc - Frederick H. Gove
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